

Upper Deverills Parish Council

Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council held at the village hall Kingston Deverill on Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors Richard Cousens (Chair); Bridget Beattie (Vice Chair), Dr David Croot, Colin Hirons and Cllr Louise Stratton

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Christine Fordham and 14 members of the public.

Public Question Time – one member of the public spoke in favour of the planning application WCC18/04227/FUL of 17.5.18 application for change of use of land at Brixton Deverill application, whilst some of the others expressed their concerns.

1. **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (041/18)**
2. **Dispensations (042/18)**

No requests had been received

3. **Declarations of Interest (043/18)** None
4. **Exclusion of the Press and Public (044/18)**

No reasons were given to exclude the press and public.

5. **Planning Applications (045/18)**

a) **WCC 18/04227/FUL of 17.5.18 Woodcombe Farm, Brixton Deverill - Application for Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed use for agricultural and game rearing purposes.**

Councillors had received copies of all the correspondence received about the application for perusal before the meeting. The Chair asked Councillors whether they wished to object, support the application or to make no comment: 4 Councillors wished to object to the application and one Councillor wished to support the application with conditions. On discussion it was therefore agreed that the Council would object to application for the reasons set out below: in so doing, the Council recognised the right of landowners and farmers to pursue legitimate and appropriate agricultural and industrial activity on their property.

- Inconsistencies and omissions in Planning Application
- Harmful effect.
- Economic and social benefits.
- Proximity to local houses.
- Screening..
- Semi-industrial aspect..
- Visual impact.
- Waste storage and removal..
- Floodwater Management.
- Vermin and pest control..
- Archaeological dimension..
- Site Visit by the authority. Given the complexity of this application together with its many aspects and dimensions, it was recommended that the Wiltshire Council authority carry out a site visit.

Conclusion

The UDPC acknowledged that the applicant has every right, in principle, to conduct game rearing activity within an appropriate location on the applicant's property. Indeed there are tangible benefits to the community by so doing. However, in the case of this application, the UDPC merely considered that the proposed site of the development is inappropriate. It was the site and not the activity that was contentious.

For the reasons stated above, the Upper Deverills Parish Council considered that the Planning Application (18/04227/FUL) should be refused.

Should the Authority feel minded to approve the application, the Council considered that a number of conditions should be imposed. These should include:

- The roofs of the sheds should be painted with a matt finish so that they do not reflect sunlight.
- A proper and comprehensive screening strategy should be devised, imposed and executed.
- High level archaeological advice should be sought and, if necessary, appropriate restrictions be imposed on the applicant.
- The number of sheds should not be allowed to increase.
- A comprehensive waste management plan should be presented by the applicant and audited by the authority.

Full details of the Council's response is at Annex A

b)WCC 18/04324/FUL of 18.5.18 Newlands, Monkton Deverill – application for proposed Rear Extension

The Chair declared an interest in the item and did not take part in the discussions. The remaining Councillors decided not to comment on the application.

c) WCC 18/04015/FUL of 23.5.18 Keysley Farm, Monkton Deverill – application and listed building consent for proposed garaging and store.

Councillors decided not to comment on the application.

6. Consideration of Internal Audit Report for F/Y 2017/18 and any actions required (046/18)

The report was considered by Councillors and the following actions agreed by the Council on the points raised:

Review of Corporate Governance

R 1. The information on 2016/17 finances is not published

Agreed Action

- i. The 2016/17 information is on the Council's old website . A note will be included on the new website referring to the old website
- ii. The Asset Register will be included on the new website
- iii. All expenditure is included in the minutes which are published, but the Final accounts for 2017/18 and audit information will be published when complete

Review of Payments

R2. Reclaiming VAT

Agreed Action

- i.Clerk to develop appropriate form.

R3. Update cash book in light of R2.

Agreed Action

- i.Clerk to update cash book

Salaries and Wages

R.4. Underpayment to Clerk

Agreed Action

- i. Underpayment to be rectified in July

R5. Future Pay Reviews

Agreed Action

- i. Clerk to draw Councillors attention to pay review when published.

7. Consideration of, and Approval of Annual Governance Statement for the Financial Year 2017/18(047/18)

Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement in the light of the explanatory notes, and the internal audit report; it was proposed by Cllr Croot, seconded by the Vice Chair that the statements be agreed unless they were inapplicable and the Statement be signed by the Chair; all were in favour and the statement was duly signed by the Chair

8. Approval of Accounts and Accounting Statement for 2017/18(048/18)

The draft Accounting Statement had been circulated to Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Hirons, seconded by Cllr Beattie that the Statement was a true record of the Council's accounts for 2017/18 and should be approved, all were in favour and the statement was signed by the Chair.

9. Any Other Business(049/18) The Vice Chair advised that she would be attending the next meeting of the CATG to discuss the issues in the village when the A350 is closed, (as previously agreed)

10. Date of next meeting of Upper Deverills Parish Council(050/18)

The next meeting of Upper Deverills Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11 July 2018 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Date: 11 July 2018

Signed: R Cousens
Chair